

WHEREAS, Thomas Alva Edison contributed as much to the birth of modern American science as any man; and,

WHEREAS, His inventive genius has greatly improved the welfare of Americans and other peoples of the world, has created industries upon which the soundness of the American economy rests, and has contributed significantly to America's present technological pre-eminence in the world today; and,

WHEREAS, In order to successfully encounter the serious problems posed during contemporary times, this nation needs many more men of science; and,

WHEREAS, To secure greater scientific manpower it is essential that more young Americans be motivated towards careers in science and that obstacles confronting young people attempting to pursue scientific careers be removed; and,

WHEREAS, In this age of limitless scientific horizons, our country's need for men inspired by the example of Edison has never been more urgent; and,

WHEREAS, February 11, 1972, marks the 125th anniversary of the birth of Thomas Alva Edison:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RICHARD F. KNEIP, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim Friday, February 11, 1972, as

EDISON SCIENCE YOUTH DAY

In South Dakota, and I urge the people of the State to do honor to the inspiring heritage of America's great inventive genius, Thomas Alva Edison, by lending full support to all activities dramatizing to youth the unique challenges of science and invention in today's expanding universe.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota in Pierre, the Capital City, this 30th day of December in the Year of Our Lord Nineteen Hundred and Seventy-one.

Richard F. Kneip
RICHARD F. KNEIP, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

Alma Larson
ALMA LARSON, SECRETARY OF STATE